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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: HELICOPTER TRAINING FOR BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE
OFFICER

REF: (A) MANAMA 433 (B) STATE 71143

1. WE ARE PREPARED TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF LETTER OF OFFER
FOR LT. AL-KHALIFA TO ATTEND 12 WEEK ROTARY WING
QUALIFICATION COURSE, INSTRUCTOR COURSE AND, IF DESIRED
BY THE BDF CHIEF OF STAFF, SEARCH AND RESCUE COURSE.

2. HOWEVER, WE QUESTION NEED FOR HELICOPTER GUNNERY
TRAINING. THIS TRAINING IS INTENDED TO QUALIFY HELICOPTER
GUNSHIP CREWS IN FIRING OF SUCH WEAPONS AS ROCKETS AND
MINIGUNS, IN SUPPORT OF ASSAULT TROOPS. WE NOT RPT NOT
AWARE THAT BDF HAS HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS NOW, NOR THAT IT
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CONTEMPLATES ORDERING ANY.

3. BEFORE WE CONSIDER WHETHER TO APPROVE GUNNERY TRAINING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE ON GOB REASONING BEHIND THIS REQUEST. DECISION BY CHIEF-OF-STAFF TO DROP GUNNERY TRAINING AND REINSTATE ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING WOULD BE WELCOME. WE WILL AWAIT YOUR RESPONSE BEFORE REQUESTING ARMY TO BEGIN PREPARATION OF FMS CASE.

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